

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A cylinder valve ~~including~~ comprising:

a single valve member in the form of a spring-loaded shuttle, the spring exerting a pressure on the shuttle in a valve-closing direction;

a valve seat against which ~~the~~ said valve member bears in its valve-closing position;

a guide defining a channel in which ~~the~~ said shuttle is able to travel;

a stop member able to be translated in ~~the~~ said channel into and out of a position in which ~~the~~ said stop member holds ~~the~~ said valve member in its valve-closing position; and

a valve body which is engaged by ~~the~~ said guide, ~~the~~ said guide being able to be translated into a position in which ~~the~~ said shuttle cannot be brought to bear against ~~the~~ said valve seat.
2. (currently amended) A The cylinder valve according to Claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ said valve body has a pin index for connection to an external pipeline.
3. (currently amended) A The cylinder valve according to Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~, in which ~~the~~ said shuttle has a head extending in the direction of ~~the~~ said valve seat from a body of greater diameter than ~~the~~ said head, ~~the~~ said head having an orifice affording gas communication between an external port of ~~the~~ said valve and a region of ~~the~~ said channel intermediate ~~the~~ said shuttle and ~~the~~ said stop member.
4. (currently amended) A The cylinder valve according to Claim 3, in which ~~the~~ said spring is a compression spring, one end of which is seated in a recess in

the said shuttle, and the other end of which bears against the said stop member.

5. (currently amended) A The cylinder valve according to Claim 4 wherein the orifice in the said head of the said shuttle communicates with the said intermediate region of the said channel via the recess.
6. (currently amended) A The cylinder according to Claim 1, ~~any one of the preceding Claims~~, wherein the said valve seat is integral with the said valve body.
7. (currently amended) A The cylinder valve according to Claim 1, ~~any one of the preceding Claims~~, wherein the said stop member has a screw thread engaging a complementary screw thread in the said guide.
8. (currently amended) A The cylinder valve according to Claim 1, ~~any one of the preceding Claims~~, wherein the said stop member is carried on or integral with a valve spindle.
9. (currently amended) A The cylinder valve according to Claim 8, wherein the said valve spindle terminates in a handwheel.
10. (currently amended) A The cylinder valve according to Claim 1, ~~any one of the preceding Claims~~, wherein the said guide has a screw-threaded outer surface engaging a complementary screw in the said valve body.
11. (currently amended) A The cylinder valve according to Claim 1, ~~any one of the preceding Claims~~, in which the said guide has a socket in which can be inserted a tool operable to effect a translation of the guide relative to the said valve body.
12. (cancelled)

13. (currently amended) A The cylinder valve according to Claim 1, ~~any one of the preceding Claims~~, in which ~~the~~ said guide has an internal surface that acts as a stop preventing engagement of ~~the~~ said shuttle and ~~the~~ said valve seat when the guide is in the said position.
14. (currently amended) A gas cylinder fitted with a cylinder valve as claimed in Claim 1, ~~according to any one of the preceding Claims~~.
15. (currently amended) A The gas cylinder according to Claim 14 containing a medical gas.

Respectfully submitted,

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